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# REPORT

OF THE

## FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

# TOWN OF HILL,

INCLUDING A REPORT FROM THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.

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## Selectmen's Report.

The Selectmen of the town of Hill for the year 1877, charge themselves with the following items, viz :

Cash received as follows:

Of George A Sumner, Treasurer 1876,	\$1,163 99
Savings Bank tax,	328 55
Rail Road tax,	204 09
Literary Fund,	53 32
D. F. Dustin, Colby place,	10 00
Taxes committed to Collector,	3,887 73
County of Merrimack for paupers.	496 50
Town of Sanbornton, one half bridge bills,	13 12
“ Alexandria, their part of bridge bills,	21 75
J P Ladd, fees for weighing,	16 50
C B Cole, interest on taxes,	18 80
Dana B Dickerson, interest on taxes,	5 86
F W. Eaton, collector for 1872,	4 26
“ “ “ 1873,	27 28
“ “ “ 1874,	69 22
C. B. Cole, Collector for 1875 & 1876,	1,035 00
Abatement of taxes 1872,	9 80
“ “ 1873,	7 92
“ “ 1874,	11 06
“ “ 1875,	42 48
“ “ 1876,	41 12
Lucretia S. Dickerson, on note,	265 02
Oscar D. Young, “	114 28
E. T. Eastman, “	901 81

Nancy Fowler,	"	234 28
P. B. Dickerson,	"	100 00
M. J. Morrill,	"	600 00
Asa F. Morrill,	"	275 67
David H. Trumbull,	"	20 00
E. H. Trumbull,	"	21 00
Sarah A. Quimby,	"	58 52
Marcia H. Straw,	"	533 11
Le Roy D. Bartlett,	"	1,257 59
Ann Cilley,	"	140 92
For bedding sold,		5 50
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		\$11,996 05

Which is accounted for as follows :

Outstanding Claims prior to March 1st, 1877. Paid as follows :

#### BREAKING ROADS.

Newton Merrill,	\$5 69	James W. Corliss,	9 67
F. G. Dickerson,	25 02	S. S. Straw,	6 25
John S. & Horace C.		E. W. Mason,	6 87
Sweatt,	15 50	Daniel Wiser,	30 00
B. F. Dickerson,	1 31	John P. Colby,	14 00
M. B. Howe,	10 33	John Peters,	8 00
R. W. Quimby,	15 50	M. E. Southworth,	1 00
Henry Plummer,	11 00	John Boynton,	1 00
D. W. Hall,	25 00	E. T. Eastman,	17 25
John H Hunt,	12 55	I. B. Shumway,	1 25
E. E. Cawley.	27 75	Clark Merrill,	2 51
Sarah A. Dustin, nursing Helen Hill,			\$5 00
Martha Colby, doctoring	" "		3 50
E. W. Follansbee, excess of tax 1876,			2 25
C. O. Barney, printing Reports,			14 00
A. B. Johnson, use of money,			40 00
A. D. Prescott, auditing accounts,			1 00
James E. Knox, land for hay scales,			20 00

G. D. Stackpole, express on reports,	20
Geo. A. Sumner, services as Selectman and Treasurer,	6 00
F. B. Shaw, snowing bridge, &c.,	11 00
G. E. Gale, breaking roads and work on road,	3 00
C. B. Blodgett, for lumber,	30 30
John W. Fifield, breaking roads and damage,	3 00
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	\$386 70

## TOWN EXPENSES FOR 1877.

H. A. Stratton, services as S. S. Committee,	\$27 70
J. P. Ladd, " " " and for books,	43 69
Joseph W. Favor, services as Town Clerk,	23 00
F. W. Eaton, Collector,	1 81
C. B. Cole, " "	16 23
F. G. Dickerson, Collector,	23 98
Dana B. Dickerson, " "	12 92
M. J. Morrill, Treasurer,	35 00
" " Selectman,	80 00
" " Cash paid out,	10 00
" " board of Selectmen and horse hire,	10 00
W. B. Cawley, services as " "	47 50
" " Cash paid out,	2 50
F. B. Shaw, services as Selectman,	30 00
" " Cash paid out,	3 50
" " Horse hire,	8 50
J. P. Ladd, services as public weigher,	8 25
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	\$386 58

## SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Isaac C. Ballou, boarding Levina Colby,	\$95 00
C. T. Sanborn, " Abigail Loverin,	13 79
J. W. Favor, moving " "	1 00
Funeral expenses for Abigail Loverin,	7 50
J. W. Favor, boarding Rosanna Ferrin,	62 00
D. F. Dustin, " Moses Colby,	111 06

Funeral expenses for Moses Colby,	20 50
D. F. Dustin, boarding Edgar Hill,	20 00
R. W. Quimby, " Lydia Mowe,	55 00
C. M. Cilley, medicine for " "	15 10
M. J. Morrill, " " "	3 00
S. A. Quimby, sewing " "	3 00
B. F. Dickerson, goods for paupers,	7 08
G. D. Stackpole, " " "	6 01
Eaton and Mason, " " "	3 89
J. M. Bishop, medical attendance,	11 00
C. S. Bradley, " " "	8 50
Charlotte Dow, support of Dow family,	31 75
H. K. Thompson, coffin for Mrs Loverin,	10 00
M. J. Morrill, horse hire on pauper account,	4 50
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	\$489 68

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Isaac T. Follansbee, Lumber and work on Cass bridge,	\$61 00
W. H. Sanborn, " plank for " "	36 85
O. S. Addison, work on highway and bridge,	4 25
Dana B. Dickerson, work on highway,	4 26
W. H. Morrill, " " "	3 12
C. M. Cilley, " " "	9 14
C. T. Sanborn, " " "	71
Isaac K. George, " " "	11 99
H. C. Bartlett, " " "	5 20
Orrin G. Colby, " " and bridge,	1 50
John H. Hunt, plank for bridge,	4 42
B. F. Marshall, lighting bridge,	18 00
Geo. D. Stackpole, Oil, Lanterns, &c.,	8 25
Eaton & Mason, for spikes,	24
M. J. Morrill, work on highway and use of scraper,	11 54
F. B. Shaw, " " and bridges,	19 50
Royal Stone, non-resident highway tax worked out,	4 92
Jeremiah Gould, " " "	32
Charles H. Dickerson, non-resident highway tax worked,	5 33

Edwin Merrill,	"	"	"	41
Dana B. Dickerson, breaking roads,				5 96
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				\$216 91

## PAID SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid District No. 1,	David G. Mowe,	\$259 09
" 2,	Isaac C. Ballou,	47 31
" 3,	R. H. Jaqueth,	103 96
" 4,	David Trumbull,	77 96
" 5,	Frank Ferren,	52 09
" 7,	O. S. Addison,	35 08
" 8,	C. M. Cilley,	40 65
" 9,	S. W. Carlton,	43 86
" 10,	E. T. Eastman,	37 85
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		\$697 85

## TAXES PAID.

Paid State Tax,	\$496 00
County Tax,	471 26
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	\$967 26

## PAID ON NOTES.

M. E. A. Dickerson,	\$100 00	Marcia H. Straw,	533 11
John H. Hunt,	50 00	Le Roy D. Bartlett,	1257 59
Betsey Carlton,	50 00	Ann Cilley,	140 92
S. K. Mason,	115 90	Mary A. Heath,	606 77
L. S. Dickerson,	267 74	P. B. Dickerson,	104 22
Oscar D. Young,	114 28	Dorothy Dustin, estate	1916 14
E. T. Eastman,	901 81	C. W. Huse,	74 60
Nancy Fowler,	234 28		
Sarah A. Quimby,	58 52		
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		\$6,525 88	

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

G. D. Stackpole, blank books,	\$4 86
" " Town officer,	2 50

J. P. Ladd, keeping tramps,	17 75
William T. Hannaford, keeping tramps,	50
M. F. Little, " "	50
R. W. Musgrove, printing tax blanks,	1 60
F. R. Woodward, " "	1 00
Weston Rowell, damage on highway,	40 00
Pike & Blodgett,	1 00
A. F. Morrill, copying warrants & work on Town Reports,	6 00
Bounty on hawks and foxes,	7 30
W. H. Morrill, school house tax District No. 8,	20 00
Geo. A. Sumner, sign for bridge,	4 00
William Joyce, watering place and cutting bushes,	3 66
C. M. Cilley, damage to sheep by dogs,	6 50
Richard Pevare, " "	5 50
Geo. M. Huse, " "	3 00

#### ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

D. F. Dustin, 1872,	7 80
Wilson Colby, " "	2 00
C. M. Cilley, 1873,	7 92
" " 1874,	4 36
John P. Colby, 1874,	2 00
Joseph Young, " "	2 18
John Hastings, " "	2 52
Carlton Jones, 1875,	2 20
Charles Morrison, " "	2 20
John W. Flanders, " "	5 28
John Flanders, " "	12 65
Augustus Sargent, " "	2 20
John Hastings, " "	2 42
John Hilliard, " "	1 00
Henry H. Graham, " "	8 89
Proctor Favor, " "	2 00
Robert Martin, " "	3 64
Thomas Adams, 1876	8 30
Isaac K. George, " "	2 25
David Blodgett, " "	1 08

I. Morrison,	"	4 25
James Terney,	"	6 13
Henry Hancock,	"	2 25
Charles Evans,	"	2 25
Ben. Evans,	"	2 25
John Hastings,	"	1 66
George Whitney,	"	30
Heman Cox,	"	2 25
Luther A. Ward,	1876	2 25
George Ballou,	"	5 90
Mehitable Brown	1877	1 73
C. T. Sanborn	"	6 45
A. B. Quimby,	"	2 15
John H. Emmons	"	2 56
B. C. Kenniston	"	2 56
March Heirs,	"	43
Discount on taxes	"	95 44

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\$349 37

### RECAPITULATION.

Amount received by Treasurer,	\$11,996 05
Which is accounted for as follows :	
Outstanding claims,	\$386 70
Town expenses,	386 53
Support of Paupers,	489 68
Roads and Bridges,	216 91
School Districts,	697 85
State Tax,	496 00
County Tax,	471 26
On Notes,	6,525 88
Incidental Expenses,	349 37
Due from Collector,	789 04
Cash on hand,	1,186 78
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	\$11,996 05

Respectfully submitted.

M. J. MORRILL,	} Selectmen of Hill.
W. B. CAWLEY,	
F. B. SHAW.	

Having examined the foregoing accounts, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

A. D. PRESCOTT, Auditor.

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# OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.—DUE ON NOTES.

Leroy D. Bartlett,	\$1,300 50	David H. Trumbull,	20 22
Nancy Fowler,	244 03	L. S. Dickerson,	275 04
Sally A. Sanborn,	491 04	Marcia H. Straw,	550 88
Betsey Carlton,	105 46	Clarence D. Merrill,	212 10
Albert Bush,	24 46	Ann Cilley,	146 79
E. T. Eastman,	939 38	O. D. Young,	119 69
M. E. A. Dickerson,	258 37	Sarah A. Quimby,	60 95
Eliza M. Ward,	63 73	Henry C. Bartlett,	108 49
John H. Hunt,	1,041 66	Mary F. Hilpert,	170 10
Betsy Eastman,	107 18	Joanna K. Phelps,	22 61
David G. Mowe,	752 58	Sally Trumbull,	42 52
Clark Merrill,	553 59	Abbey A. Sanborn,	53 37
Elizabeth C. Merrill,	120 46	Mary Davis,	80 64
M. J. Morrill,	614 00	Caroline E. Colby,	244 12
Asa F. Morrill,	282 10	Laura W. Young,	89 88
E. H. Trumbull,	21 02		
Outstanding claims estimated at			100 00
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			\$9,216 96

## DUE THE TOWN.

Hay Scale,	\$150 00
Real Estate and rope,	20 00
From Collector 1870,	256 46
“ 1871,	13 80
“ 1873,	21 42
“ 1874,	75 03
“ 1875-76,	708 69

1877,	789 04	
Cash on hand,	1,186 78	—\$3,221 22
Leaving a balance from the Town,		<u>\$5,995 74</u>

M. J. MORRILL,	} Selectmen
W. B. CAWLEY	
F. B. SHAW.	
	of
	Hill.

# SCHOOL REPORT.

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## TEACHERS.

It is gratifying to state here, that we have had some of the best of teachers during the past school year, and that good success has attended our schools, considered as a whole. In the important position of a teacher it is necessary that one should understand well, and know how to perform the work. Some labor hard in the school room, but do not fully know how to take hold of school teaching to advantage. All who think of teaching should continually be building themselves up in the things that constitute a successful teacher, especially if they feel anywise deficient. A teacher can enlarge their compass of mind as well as the scholars, and become more and more proficient. Poor order is a hindrance to the progress of any school. Many parents do not make their children mind at home, and consequently they will not readily obey the teacher; but still, teachers should make it a point to have good order, for no school can advance without it.

## TEXT BOOKS.

Your Committee would advise that French's Common School Arithmetic be at once changed for some better work on mathematics. That Wilson's Readers and Guyot's Geographies, be also changed. Of course this change would be regulated by the school law, relating to change of text books. There is not room here for us to give our reasons for proposing this change.

## SCHOOL HOUSES.

There are only three school houses in town anywise fit for school purposes. All are too small. Many are very much di-

lapidated ; some are not well located ; but one has a suitable play ground, and none have good black-boards or ventilators. What should be done, is to re-district the town, putting the nine districts into five or six ; building new houses where they are needed. All can see that this would give better school houses and longer schools. Each district would have more school money, and could hire better teachers than are usually employed in the small, short schools. It is possible to do this if the people would awake to their educational interests. Your Committee in the years past have advocated something like this, but as yet, without effect. We having been placed in the same responsible position as they were, feel the same duty which actuated them, propelling us, (however trite the subject may be,) to call your attention to the condition of your school houses, and the necessity of some change that will raise the standard of education in this town. Duty to your children and to humanity at large, demand it. Moreover, since the safety and perpetuity of our republic depends on the education of the masses, it argues still louder and stronger that you should do your part in helping to dispel ignorance, thereby strengthening the foundation on which rests the institutions of a free and great nation.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

The spring term was under the instruction of Mr. F. M. Morgan of Hill, —a good scholar and gentleman With advanced scholars, he would be second to few. Among the small pupils there was not good order, and consequently only fair improvement.

Miss Mary A. Hersey of Franklin, was the teacher for the summer term. She is a graduate of the Normal School, at Plymouth. This is her 17th term, and we wish, for the benefit of scholars, that the number of her schools might be quadrupled.

WINTER TERM. This charge was given to Miss Ambrosia A. Shaw of Sanbornton, a graduate of New Hampton. Order and advancement excelled by none. She is a model teacher. It would be for the advantage of most of our young teachers to be under her instruction, even for a day. We never visited a better school.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

This school was under the tuition of Mr. E. C. Hastings, of Bristol. He is a fine scholar. Much interest was manifested in reading and arithmetic. There was marked improvement.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

The spring term was intrusted to Miss Roxie B. Shepard of Franklin. Order and instruction good. Consequently great improvement.

The fall term was ably managed by Miss Rogena A. Traver of Lowell, Vermont. We think this district very fortunate in securing the services of two such teachers as Misses Shepard and Traver.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

This school was under the care of Mr. H. A. Stratton of Hill. On our first visit we found good order and good attention, an evident interest with the scholars, and the teacher was earnestly bending all his energies toward accomplishing the most work possible in the given time. The second visit showed marked improvement, giving evidence that no time had been wasted and that the efforts had been seconded by the appreciative minds characteristic of the pupils in our district schools.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

Miss Nellie A. Sargent of Danbury, was employed as teacher of this school. This was her first teaching. Some progress was visible. Order fair. With more experience she may become a good teacher.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

Mr. H. A. Stratton conducted this school. The visitor will forget the surroundings on beholding the sparkle of the eyes of the pupils as they recite. Each one was full of ambition to have the best lesson; consequently great improvement.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

This school was taught by Miss Flora F. Cilley of Hill, who

performed her work well, giving good satisfaction. Miss Cilley is a graduate of the normal school at Plymouth, and is well fitted for the position of a teacher, as was shown by her pupils on examination.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

The teaching of this school was given to Miss Addie M. Carlton of Hill. She labored hard to produce improvement, and succeeded fairly. Miss Carlton is well adapted to become a fine teacher.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

Miss Cora I. Sargent of Danbury, began the work of teaching here. Her charge was small, but she manifested ability and adaptation for a teacher.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. A. STRATTON, }  
J. P. LADD, } S. S. Committee of Hill.

## SCHEDULE OF SCHOOLS.

No. of District.	Summer, Winter and Fall Terms.	No. of weeks of school.	Whole No. of scholars.	No. in reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Grammar.	No. in Geography.	No. in Composition.	No. in History.	No. in Philosophy.	No. between 4 and 14 who have not attended school.	No. between 14 and 21 unable to read and write.
1	{ Summer, Fall, Winter.	8	34	34	34	20	24	5	18		2			
		10	29	29	29	10	19	4	10		2			
2	{ Fall, Summer,	14	45	45	45	16	38	15	19		5			
		7	11	11	8	7	8		8					
3	{ Summer, Fall,	9	9	9	9	2	4	1	3				I	
		11	17	17	17	5	8		6				I	
4	{ Fall, Summer,	11	20	20	20	15	17	6	8					
5	{ Fall, Summer,	10	16	16	16	9	8	3	5					
7	{ Summer, Fall,	9	19	19	19	8	9	2	6					
8	{ Fall, Fall,	8	10	10	10	4	9	3	4					
9	{ Fall, Fall,	10	11	8	8	6	7	1	2	I				
10	{ Fall,	8	4	4	4	3	3	1	2					

